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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: EXTRUSION-FREE WET CLEANING PROCESS FOR COPPER-DUAL

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To: Commissioner for Patents

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Subject: Response to the Office action dated 09/23/2003 and the

Advisory action dated 01/02/2004

20 Dear Sir or Madame:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please accept this reply as a replacement for the previous reply faxed November 21, 2003. The extension fee is submitted herein. In this reply, claims 8-19 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof to put the application in condition for allowance. The applicant reserves the right to file continuation applications for the cancelled claims.

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